

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

After entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 19, 22-26 and 29-32 are pending in the present application. Claims 19, 22-26, and 29-32 are amended; and Claims 20, 21, 27, and 28 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer by the present amendment. No new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 19-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. That rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended independent Claim 19 is directed to a procedure for control of data file transmission between transmitting units and receiving units, at which examples of a data file to be transmitted/transferred are stored at the transmitting units. The procedure includes:

requesting transmission of segments of the data file from the transmitting units;

receiving said segments from the transmitting units;

when the transmission of one of said segments from one of the transmitting units is completed, requesting transmission of one more segment of the data file from the one of the transmitting units after transmission of said one more segment from another transmitting unit has started; and

requesting transmission of only a portion of said one more segment, the portion being included in a remainder of said one more segment that has not yet been transferred.¹

Amended independent Claim 26 similarly recites that, when the transmission of one of the segments from one of the transmitting units is completed, transmission is requested of one more segment of the data file from the one of the transmitting units after transmission of the one more segment from another transmitting unit has started. Claims 20-25 and 27-32 depend directly or indirectly from Claims 19 and 26.

¹ For support, see Specification, page 3, line 31 – page 4, line 14.

The outstanding Office Action rejects Claims 19-32 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the scope of the original claims encompassed requesting one or more segment from transmitting units that are currently transmitting segments. As the amended independent claims do not recite such a request, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 19-32 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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